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SUBJECT: TURKISH PROPOSALS ON CYPRUS

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1. IN A SERIES OF CONVERSATIONS WITH BOTH GREEK AND GOVERN-
MENT OF CYPRUS OFFICIALS WE HAVE MADE CLEAR OUR HOPE THAT
THE GREEK CYPRIOTS NOT PREJUDGE TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSALS,
AND OUR HOPE THAT PROPOSALS NOW UNDER PREPARATION WILL
REPRESENT BASIS FOR RESUMED NEGOTIATIONS. WE HAVE ALSO CON-
VEYED OUR BELIEF THAT GOT SERIOUSLY WANTS TO SEE MOVEMENT ON
CYPRUS PROBLEM. THIS MESSAGE WAS GIVEN TO AMBASSADOR
ALEXANDRAKIS BY COUNSELOR NIMETZ (STATE 53213), BY DEPTOFF
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TO CYPRIOT EMBASSY COUNSELOR ANGELIDES MARCH 2, BY AMBASSADOR
CRAWFORD TO PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU AND FOREIGN MINISTER
CHRISTOPHIDES MARCH 2, AND ON OTHER OCCASIONS.

2. WE DO NOT AGREE, HOWEVER, WITH POSITION PUT FORTH BY
TULUMEN THAT WE SHOULD URGE UN TO ADVANCE OPENING OF INTER-
COMMUNAL TALKS TO MARCH. IN OUR VIEW, UN WILL HAVE TO TAKE

ACCOUNT OF A NUMBER OF FACTORS IN DEVELOPING SCHEDULE FOR INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS INCLUDING ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS AND STATUS OF OTHER INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS. MOREOVER, 'E BELIEVE THAT UNTIL TURKS HAVE MADE PRESENTATION TO WALDHEIM

HE WOULD NOT FEEL IN POSITION TO PIN DOWN SPECIFIC DATE, ESPECIALLY AN EARLIER ONE, FOR TALKS AND IT WOULD NOT BE USEFUL TO TRY TO FORCE HIM TO DO SO UNTIL TURKS ARE READY TO COME FORWARD.

3. IN ANY EVENT, NATURE OF TURKISH PROPOSALS WOULD APPEAR TO BE OF FAR GREATER IMPORTANCE THAN MERE SCHEDULING OF TALKS AT EARLY DATE. WE, THEREFORE, HOPE THAT YOU WILL CONTINUE TO FIND APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITIES TO URGE TH;T TURKISH PROPOSALS BE AS FORTHCOMING AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO CONVINCE UN AS WELL AS U.S. AND EUROPEAN OPINION THAT TURKISH CYPRIOTS ARE INDEED SERIOUSLY INTERESTED IN REAL PROGRESS TOWARD CYPRUS SETTLEMENT AT EARLY DATE. IN THAT REGARD, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO US TO HAVE AS MUCH INFORMATION ON THE PROPOSALS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THEY HA'E BEEN PUT FORWARD TO UN. THEREFORE, WE CONTINUE TO HOPE THAT EARLIEST POSSIBLE BRIEFING OF U.S. WILL BE ARRANGED EITHER BY GOT, TURKISH CYPRIOTS, OR BOTH. CHRISTOPHER

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